Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is made in view of the new USPTO regulations regarding how claims and independent claims are considered and counted. The amendmends are not made for patentability purposes and, therefore, do not constitute an estoppel to application of the doctrine of equivalents to the claims.

The claims in the application are claims 1-4, 6-14, 16, 17, 19-24, and 26-29, comprising two independent claims and twenty-five total claims. No additional fee is requires since Applicant previously paid for three independent claims and twenty-nine total claims.

Respectfully Submitted.

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